the growth of deposits in banks as well as the operation of the above scheme.

Drugs seized by Bombay customs

415. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bombay Customs have seized huge stocks of Mandrax tablets in September, 1991 and arrested drug traffickers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) During September, 1991, the officers of Customs have effected seizure of Mandrax tablets in 3 cases booked in Bombay. The details are given in the table below:—

Date of seizure	Quantity	Number of person (s) arrested
13-9-91	150·00 Kgs.	Nil*
18-9-91	104·77 Kgs.	Nil††
19-9-91	1735·00 Kgs.	4

* Unclaimed cargo found in Air Cargo Complex, Bombay; hence no arrest.

†† Unclaimed baggage found at Sahar Airport, Bombay ; hence no arrest.

National Housing Bank Scheme

416. DR. BAPU KALDATE.
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the response received so far to the National Housing Bank (Voluntary Deposits) scheme launched by Government to mop up black money;

(b) whether Government considers the response to be satisfactory; and

(c) if not, what changes are contemplated in the scheme by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) National Housing Bank (NHB) has launched on October 1, 1991 a scheme to mop up black money known as 'National Housing Bank (Voluntary Deposits) Scheme, 1991. NHB has reported that the amount received by various banks under the scheme till 22nd November, 1991 stood at Rs. 23.56 crores. The last date for making deposits under the scheme is November 30, 1991, unless extended by Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 2 of the Voluntary Deposits (Immunities and Exemption) Act, 1991.

पंजाब और कश्मीर में उग्रवादियों द्वारा सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों का लूटा जाना

@ 417 डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले दो महीनों के दौरान पंजाब और कश्मीर में उग्रवादियों द्वारा

@पूर्वंत अतारांकित प्रश्न 33, 20 नवम्बर, 1991 से स्थानांतरित ।

सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों को लूटने की कितनी घटनाएं प्रकाश में आई हैं ; और

(ख) इन क्षेत्रों में बैंक कर्मियों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने हेतु सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री इलबीर सिंह) : (क) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार सितम्बर और अक्तूबर, 1991 के महीनों के दौरान पंजाब में सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों में लूटपाट/डकैती की 2 घटनाओं हुई हैं। इसके अलावा, अक्तूबर, 1991 के महीने में पंजाब में विभिन्न बैंक शाखाओं में 32 आगजनी की घटनाएं घटी जिनमें से 13 घटनाओं में नकदी नुकसान सूचित किया गया है। 11 सितम्बर/अक्तूबर, 1991 के दौरान जम्मू और कश्मीर में लूटपाट/बटमारी/डकैती की किसी घटना की कोई सूचना नहीं है।

(ख) भारत सरकार ने स्थिति की समीक्षा की है और राज्य सरकार ने बैंकों के लिए सुरक्षा व्यवस्थाओं को बढ़ा दिया है।

Proposal by industrial to raise foreign exchange

418. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large industrial houses proposes to raise foreign exchange resources by sale of their equity abroad;

(b) if so, what are the details of these proposals;

(c) what is Government's reaction on these proposals;

(d) whether a time bound procedure exists for speedy clearance for such proposals; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (e) The question of permitting Indian Companies to issue foreign currency convertible bond/equity abroad is under consideration.

Cutting down of expenditure by 5 per cent

419. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Ministries/Departments have responded to his circular of September, 1991 regarding cutting down expenditure by 5 per cent;

(b) what are the names of the Ministries/Departments which have not sent their proposals/responses till now;

(c) what steps are being contemplated to ensure compliance by all Ministries/Departments to this measure; and

(d) the success achieved in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The reductions made will be reflected in Revised Estimates of 1991-92, which will be presented to the Parliament alongwith Budget Estimates for 1992-93.